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TAGS: FR, US, MILI

SUBJECT: CLAIMS AGAINST FRANCE

1. SENATOR BYRD ON BEHALF OF THE SENATE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL FINANCE AND RESOURCES WILL HOLD ANOTHER PUBLIC HEARING ON FEBRUARY 23 ON THE SUBJECT OF FOREIGN INDEBTEDNESS TO THE UNITED STATES, WITH TWO DEPARTMENTAL WITNESSES. PREPARED STATEMENTS ARE BEING SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE TODAY TO THE COMMITTEE WHICH COVER DEBT COLLECTION IN GENERAL, CERTAIN PRINCIPAL SITUATIONS AROUND THE WORLD, EASTERN EUROPE AND AN UPDATING REGARDING THE SETTLEMENT OF THE FRELOC CLAIM SINCE THE FIRST BYRD HEARING ON THE FRELOC CLAIM A YEAR AGO.

2. AFTER AN EXPLANATION OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT THE  
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PREPARED STATEMENT ON FRELOC CONCLUDES AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: "THE US REMAINS A PARTY TO THE SEPARATE MULTI-LATERAL NATO CLAIM AGAINST FRANCE, RELATED TO THE INVESTMENT BY THE NATO INFRASTRUCTURE FUND IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF MILITARY FACILITIES IN FRANCE. THUS FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO FRENCH APPROACH TO A SETTLEMENT OF THIS NATO CLAIM. WE BELIEVE THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT INTENDS NEXT TO SETTLE

THE BILATERAL CLAIM BY CANADA, AND THERE HAS BEEN SOME INDICATION THAT THE FRENCH WOULD LIKE TO REACH THIS SETTLEMENT BEFORE TURNING TO THE NATO CLAIM. WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP THE SUBCOMMITTEE INFORMED IN WRITING REGARDING THE PROGRESS IN SETTLEMENT OF THE NATO CLAIM AGAINST FRANCE, AND WILL ADVISE YOU WHEN THE NEXT PAYMENT IS RECEIVED FROM FRANCE UNDER ITS AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES."

END TEXT

3. PLEASE ADVISE, FOR RECEIPT BY OPENING OF BUSINESS HERE FEBRUARY 23, WHETHER THERE IS ANYTHING TO ADD TO THE FOREGOING REGARDING THE PRESENT STATE OF PLAY. INGERSOLL

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